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SUBJECT: THAI VOLUNTEERS

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1. IN ABSENCE OF REPLY TO PARA 3 REF A WE PLAN TO RESPOND TO LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE QUERIES RE THAI VOLUNTEERS ALONG LINES INDICATED BELOW.

2. WE KNOW THAT RLG WANTS VOLUNTEERS TO STAY IN PLACE WHILE RLG AND PL DEVELOP MODALITIES FOR WITHDRAWAL ON BOTH SIDES, AND THAT VOLUNTEERS SHOULD WITHDRAW ONLY AS NVA WITHDRAWS. RTG HAS AGREED TO THIS RLG POSITION.

3. FUTURE OF VOLUNTEERS THUS DEPENDS ON RLG AND RTG CONSULTATIONS OVER EXTENT RLG/RTG SATISFIED WITH PL/ NVA PERFORMANCE IN CARRYING OUT TERMS OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR NON-LAO FORCES. WE KNOW THAT RTG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER MAINTAINING
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SOME VOLUNTEER FORCES IN THAILAND IN TRAINING POSTURE, IN CAMPS AND ALSO IN FIELD, IF RLG REQUESTS SUCH SUPPORT PENDING ASSURANCE THAT CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL WILL BE HONORED BY PL/ NVA.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WASHINGTON IS CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS BEYOND FY73 IF REQUESTED BY RLG AND RTG GOVERNMENTS. AT THIS POINT, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE DECISION RE FUTURE OF VOLUNTEERS HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

5. SINCE LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BANGKOK IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY COMMENT RE FOREGOING AS WELL AS REPORT ON PRE- DEPARTURE DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS. UNGER

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